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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)  
SUBJECT : Visit of Senator Symington to Detachment B  
REFERENCE : [REDACTED] 2155 (IN 14238), Dated 26 December 1959

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1. In connection with Senator Symington's unannounced visit to Detachment B on 24 December 1959, you indicated to me that you wished to discuss this with the Director shortly after your return this week.

2. I have just learned from Mr. John Warner in discussing the visit with him that there reportedly was a verbal exchange between the Director and the Senator sometime in the past regarding Project CHALICE by name and the specific aircraft employed in the Project. According to Mr. Warner, Senator Symington raised this matter himself along the lines of an inquiry as to Agency interest in this activity. The Director's reported reply was along the lines of a deflection of the question based upon the sensitivity of the Project.

3. In the light of what I have said in paragraph two above, you may wish to consider with the Director the possible briefing of Senator Symington as a direct outgrowth of his visit to Detachment B, although I realize this raises a host of collateral problems of Congressional seniority and CIA's relationship to Congress on other matters.

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